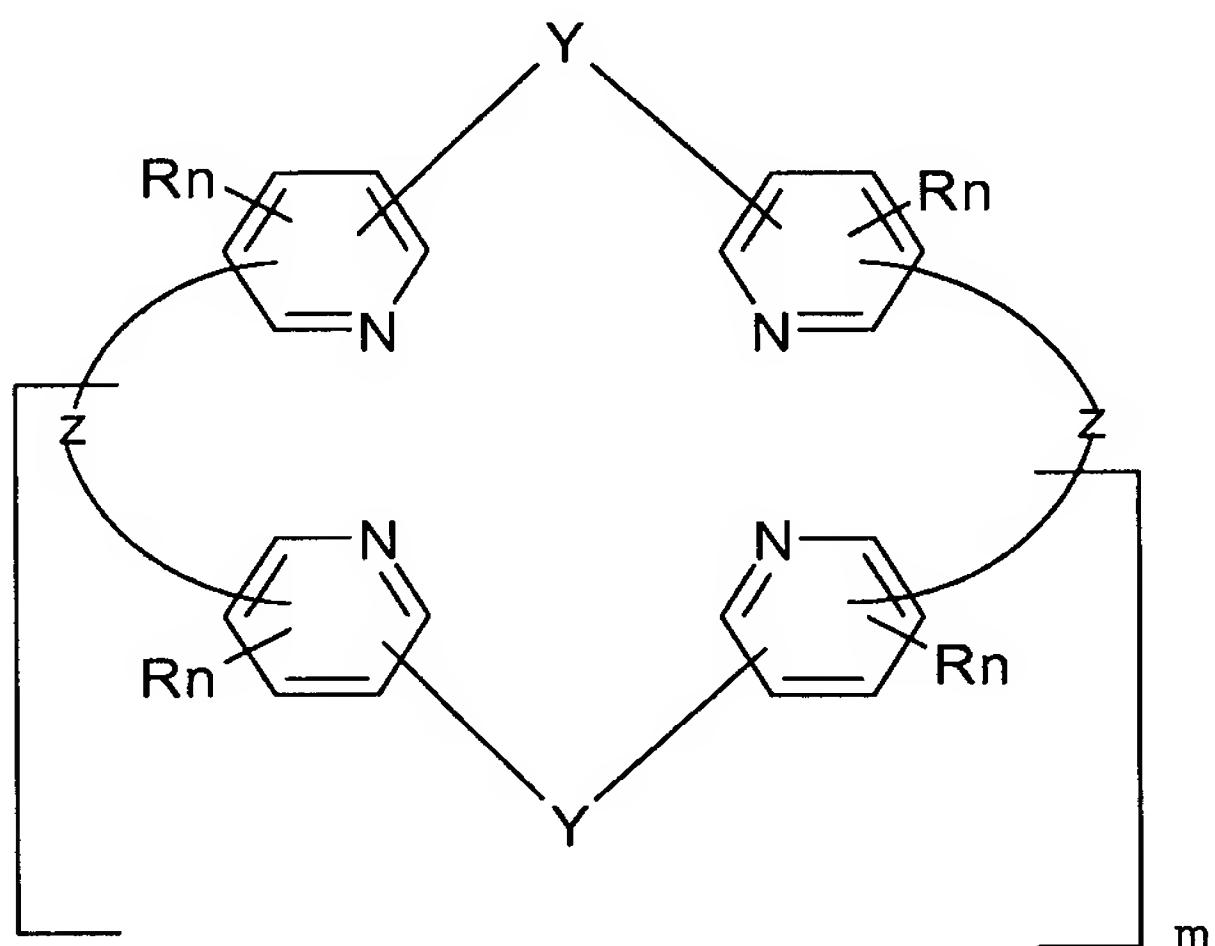


**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 2, delete the paragraphs spanning lines 4-23 and insert the following therefor:

The invention thus relates to the use of nitrogenous polycyclic derivatives for preparing drugs for treating neurodegenerative diseases, said derivatives having formula (I)



wherein

- m = 1, 2 or 3

- Rn is anyone of R1, R2, R3 and R4, which are identical or different and represent H or represent one or several radicals and are selected in the group comprising  $[-]OH$ , an alkyl radical,  $[-]O\text{-alkyl}$  group,  $[-]\text{NH}_2$ ,  $[-]\text{NH}\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $[-]\text{N}(\text{R5, R6})$ , or an halogen selected in the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, the alkyl being in said radical or groups, a C1-C6 alkyl, or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> being a C1-C3 alkyl group,

- Y

- forms a phenyl group with both pyridines, optionally ortho-substituted by a substituent  $[[R5]] \underline{R7}$ , or ortho-disubstituted by  $R5$  and  $R6$   $\underline{R7}$  and  $R8$ , said substituents being identical or different, and selected in the group comprising an alkyl radical,  $[-]O\text{-alkyl}$  group,  $[-]\text{NH}_2$ ,  $[-]\text{NH}\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $[-]\text{N}(R5, R6)$ , or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, the alkyl being in said radical or groups a C1-C6 alkyl, or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, and R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are as above defined

or

Page 3, delete the paragraphs spanning lines 1-10 and insert the following therefor:

- represents a group  $-(\text{CH}_2)_{m1}\text{-W}-(\text{CH}_2)_{[\underline{m1}]}\underline{m2}-$ , with m1 and m2 being 0, 1 or 2 $[[,]]$  and W being a group  $[-]\text{CH}_2$ ,  $-\text{CH}(\underline{R7})\underline{\text{CH}}(R9)$ , O, or  $\text{N}(\underline{R8}, \underline{R9})$ ,  $R7, R8$  and  $R9$ , identical or different,  $N(R10)$ , R9 and R10 being a C1-C3 alkyl radical, or H,
- Z is a linking arm of formula  $-\text{A}-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-U}-(\text{CH}_2)_{n1}\text{-A-}[[,]]$
- A being O or NH, and
  - U being selected in the group comprising  $[-]\text{](CH}_2)_n[-]$ ,  $-\text{N}(\underline{R1}, \underline{R2})$ ,  $-\text{COOH}$ ,  $-\text{OH}$ , CHN(R5,R6), CHCOOH, CHOH
- with n being a number from  $[[2]]$  1 to 6, preferably from 2 to 4, and n1 being 0 or 1,